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Ron Ryan
SF Phosphates Ltd. Co.
9401 North Highway 191
Vernal, Utah 84078-7802

Re: Permit Review Status, SF Phosphates, Ltd. Co., Vernal Phosphate Mine, M/047/007,
Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Ryan:

On March 22, 2000, the Division received SF Phosphate's latest revision to their large mining plan for the Vernal Phosphate mine. This latest revision incorporates the Plan of Operations submitted to the BLM in August 1998, the amendment received by the Division on October 27, 1998, and the Division's May 19, 1999 review comments. Due to a backlog of other permit reviews, the Division has not been able to complete a review of this latest revision within the usual 30-day timeframe. We apologize for the delay and any inconvenience this may cause you.

We hope to complete our review of your revision within the next 30-45 days. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this regard. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns with this proposed review schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joelle Burns".

Joelle Burns
Minerals Secretary

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cc: Pete Sokolosky, BLM, Vernal FO (UTU-76097)
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